



# MIAMI BEACH

## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy Morales, City Manager

DATE: May 6, 2015

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SUBJECT: **COMMENCEMENT OF CHARETTEE - BEAUTIFICATION OF THE ALTON ROAD FLYOVER BRIDGE ON THE EASTERN END OF I-395.**

### BACKGROUND

The City's Public Works Department is working on a project with Florida International University's (FIU) School of Architecture (SOA) to beautify the Alton Road flyover bridge on the eastern end of I-395. Currently, the fly-over concrete is in need of painting, it is dark and foreboding at night, and has under-utilized space beneath it.

We obtained a proposal from FIU in the amount of \$7,000 that would include the following scope of service:

1. A three (3) day, eight (8) hour per day charrette, with three (3) SOA faculty members and (4-6) SOA graduate students.
2. Verbal and visual presentation of charrette findings and submittal of pdf files containing research, sketches, and drawings.

Public Works is also working with Miami-Dade County to come up with a conceptual design of what the flyover should look like, and the Florida Department of Transportation to extend the painting of the railing to include the structural columns. The City's Planning Department is weighing in on the color scheme provided by FIU. The painting phase of the FDOT Alton Road project is scheduled to take place in the July-August time frame.

### CURRENT STATUS

The charrette started today with an onsite meeting, site photos, measurements and initial discussions with stakeholders. The charrette will resume tomorrow with the development of 2D and 3D renderings. There will also be a public forum tomorrow afternoon to discuss sketches and consider options. The charrette will conclude on Friday with the completion of drawings and renderings and placed into a Power Point presentation for public review.

Attachment: Charrette schedule

  
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### **Detailed Schedule:**

Please note that any stakeholders are invited to attend and participate in any and all parts of this schedule.

#### **Day 01: May 06, 2015**

9AM–12 noon: Meet at the Alton Road Fly-over to review site, gather site photos, take basic measurements, discuss project with stakeholders.

12–1 PM: Lunch at the Miami Beach Urban Studios.

1PM–4 PM: The teams return to the Miami Beach Urban Studios to work. Any necessary base drawings for the renderings are located and put together in a common file folder. As a group we consider and sketch as many options as possible. (Teams are not yet formed at this point.)

4–6 PM: Review of photos, base drawings, and sketch ideas. Three building ideas are selected to be pursued. Three teams are formed.

#### **Day 02: May 07, 2015**

9AM–12 noon: Each of the three teams develops the project through 2D and 3D renderings. The stakeholders are invited to this and any other meeting.

12–1 PM: Lunch at the Miami Beach Urban Studios

1–3 PM: Public forum to discuss the sketches, consider options, etc.

4–8 PM: Each team incorporates input from the public discussions into the schemes and final renderings are begun.

8 PM: Pizza dinner at the Miami Beach Urban Studios

#### **Day 03: May 08, 2015**

9–2 PM: Final drawings and renderings are completed and placed into a single PowerPoint presentation.

12 noon: Working lunch at the Miami Beach Urban Studios

3–5 PM: Public presentation of the design schemes, research, and renderings. The City of Miami Beach will receive a complete digital set of everything produced. Up to five (5) hard copies of the final presentations may be produced at no extra charge at a later date (if desired). Note: Request for additional copies to be received no later than two weeks from the noted 'end date' of the charrette.